III.—CALLING ATTENTION TO FAILURE OF MONSOON IN TINDIVANAM AND GINGEE TALUKS AND REMISSION OF LAND TAX, ETC.

திரு. ஏ. பொன்னப்ப நாயுடு : தலைவர் அவர்களே, கீழ்க்கண்ட அவசரப் பொது முக்கியத்துவம் வாய்ந்த நிகழ்வை மாண்புமிகு நிதி அமைச்சரின் கவனத்திற்குக் கொண்டு வருகிறேன், அதாவது :—

'பருவ மழை பொய்த்ததன் விளைவாக தென் ஆர்க்காடு மாவட்டம் திண்டிவனம், செஞ்சி வட்டங்களில் நிலவரியைத் தள்ளுபடி செய்தல், பஞ்சத் துயர் தணிப்பு நடவடிக்கைகள் எடுத்தல் முதலியன.'

THE HON. THIRU K. A. MATHIALAGAN : Mr. Chairman, Sir, on the basis of the preliminary report of the Collector, the Government have sanctioned a special allotment of Rs. 10 lakhs for undertaking certain immediate relief measures such as deepening of drinking water and irrigation wells, repairs to minor irrigation sources and road works. The Collector has been asked to send a further report regarding drought conditions and relief measures in the affected parts of the district with particular reference to the taluks of Tindivanam, Gingee and certain firkas of Tirukoilur, Cuddalore, Villupuram and Vridhachalam taluks where conditions have been reported to be bad. Further relief to such areas will be considered by the Government after the Collector's special report is received and examined.

IV.—GOVERNMENT MOTION

AMENDMENT TO MADRAS LAND REFORMS (DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS LAND) RULES, 1965.

THE HON. THIRU K. A. MATHIALAGAN : Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I move—

"That the following amendment to the Madras Land Reforms (Disposal of Surplus Land) Rules, 1965, published with Revenue Department Notification S.R.O. No. A-1240 of 1965, dated the 25th November 1965, at pages 1284–1296 of Part V of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 1st December 1965, which it is proposed to make in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 94 of the Madras Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling on Land) Act, 1961, (Madras Act 58 of 1961), be approved under the proviso to the said sub-section :—

DRAFT AMENDMENT.

For sub-rule (3) of rule 6 of the said rules, the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely :—

'(3) The value for the surplus land and for the buildings and trees thereon, if any, shall, at the option of the assignee, be payable in a lumpsum or in equal annual instalments not exceeding twenty, with interest at the rate of five per centum per annum on the outstanding instalments :

Provided that the assignee shall be entitled to pay, at any time, any sum in excess of the annual instalments and such excess shall be adjusted towards the subsequent instalment or instalments."

I request the House to accept the motion.

VICE-CHAIRMAN : The question is :

" That the following amendment to the Madras Land Reforms (Disposal of Surplus Land) Rules, 1965, published with Revenue Department Notification S.R.O. No. A-1240 of 1965, dated the 25th November 1965, at pages 1284-1296 of Part V of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 1st December 1965, which it is proposed to make in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 94 of the Madras Land Reforms (Fixation Ceiling on Land) Act, 1961 (Madras Act 58 of 1961), be approved under the proviso to the said sub-section :]

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Provided that the assignee shall be entitled to pay, at any time, any sum in excess of the annual instalments and such excess shall be adjusted towards the esubsequent instalment or instalments."

The motion was put and carried.

V.—GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR 1969–70 —*cont.*

MR. VICE-CHAIRMAN : Now we will take up discussion on the Budget for 1969–70. Thirumathi Lakshmi Krishnamurthi will now speak.

* THIRUMATHI LAKSHMI KRISHNAMURTHI : Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I am happy to note that the Resolution of my party adopted by this House recommending that free education be introduced in the Pre-University has not only been accepted in principle, but it has been implemented. I think, Sir, this will be probably the appropriate moment to stream the students, who will flock these pre-university classes, which are already over-crowded. I request the authorities to stream them in such a way as to suit their aptitude, and intelligent quotient, so that they are diverted to other courses. I mentioned this even last year requesting the then Education Minister that job assessment for the next five years should be made, and the courses in Poly-technics already in existence or those to be installed should be